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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stephen Moffatt

SERIAL NO.: 10/049,755

FILED: February 12, 2002

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HOLDING
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS FOR LITHOGRAPHY
AND OTHER WAFER PROCESSES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2881

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§ EXAMINER: J. L. Smith

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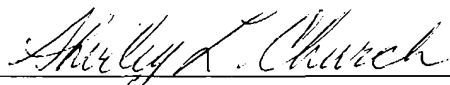
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, in the subject patent application, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 8, 2003.

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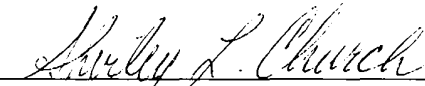
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY <u>PAID FOR</u>		PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	minus	40	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	6	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$290.00	\$00.00
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Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "A". However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

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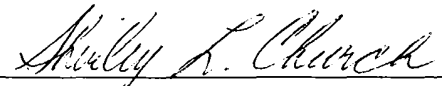
Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 9, 11 - 14, 17, 19, 21, and 23 - 40 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,452,177, to Frutiger.

Claims 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frutiger, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,581,324, to Miyai et al.

Please amend the application as follows: